## **DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

# **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

# EUGENE C. THACH, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

## August 7, 2000

## A. CALL TO ORDER

The August 7, 2000, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Eugene C. Thach of DeSoto County.

Sheriff James Albert Riley, the DeSoto County Sheriff, was present and did open the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear any and all business to come before the Board. The following were present:

Supervisor Jessie MedlinDistrict 1
Supervisor Eugene C. ThachDistrict 2
Supervisor Gerald CliftonDistrict 3
Supervisor John CaldwellDistrict 4
Supervisor Tommy LewisDistrict 5
W. E. "Sluggo" DavisChancery Clerk
David ArmstrongCounty Administrator
James Albert RileyDeSoto County Sheriff
William AustinBoard Attorney

#### B. INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by Supervisor Tommy Lewis.

### C. PUBLIC HEARING - REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ROLLS

## 1. Tax Protest - Horn Lake Shopping Center

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to open the public hearing on the subject of tax assessments as approved by this Board of Supervisors on July 5, 2000. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

County Administrator David Armstrong advised the Board of Supervisors that there is one protest to the tax rolls from Travis Mauldin regarding four vacant lots in the Horn Lake Shopping Center. Bill Bryant of the Tax Assessor's Office informed the Board of Supervisors that the assessment for the lots in question was based on the surrounding property, which includes the Albertson's property. Mr. Bryant said that Mr. Mauldin wants it appraised based on the amount for which the property was purchased and before it was improved. Mr. Bryant said the Tax Assessor's Office does not agree because the owner changed the purpose of the property after it was purchased.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to deny the appeal of the assessments from Travis Mauldin for the four vacant lots in the Horn Lake Shopping Center and uphold the assessed value for parcels 1088-2820.0-00001.00, 1088-ITEM C.1, CONTINUED,

2820.0-00003.00, 1088-2820.0-00004-.00, and 1088-2820.0-00005.00 as recommended by the

Tax Assessor. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. \*See Exhibit C.1\*\*

Having officially heard the protest to the assessment rolls and with no one else present to address the Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to close the public hearing on the subject of the assessment rolls. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

IN THE MATTER OF REAL AND PERSONAL ASSESSMENT ROLLS OF DESOTO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

This day came on to be considered by the Board of Supervisors of DeSoto County, Mississippi, the matter of objections to the real and personal assessment rolls for the year 2000, and it appearing that the said assessment rolls have been heretofore filed by the County Assessor of this County, and have been examined and equalized by this Board of Supervisors as required by law, and that the required notice has been given to the public and to the taxpayers in the manner provided by law at least ten (10) days prior to this meeting.

NOW THEREFORE, it is ordered that this Board of Supervisors will proceed to hear and determine any and all objections and exceptions thereto which may be filed with respect to said assessment rolls and the assessments therein contained, that this Board will sit from day from day until all objections and exceptions have been heard and determined and all proper corrections made, that this Board will proceed further to equalize the said assessments and wherever it appears equitable will increase or diminish the valuation of any property so that property of the same value shall be an equal sum, that this Board will add to the rolls any property found to have been omitted, or where any omitted property is added to the rolls due notice will be given of such increase or addition and the owner of the property will be given an opportunity to present objections as required by Section 27-35-89, Mississippi Code of 1972, and this Board will correct and change any erroneous assessment discovered or brought to its attention, and that this Board will proceed to do and perform any and all things required by law with respect to the said assessment rolls and the assessments therein contained so that all property of every taxpayer will be assessed equally and uniformly.

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2000.

\*\*See Exhibit C\*\*

#### D. APPROVAL OF JULY MINUTES

The official minutes of the Board of Supervisors were read for the month of July 2000, pursuant to Section 19-3-27 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors for July 2000. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-------YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach------YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton------ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell------YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis------YES

### ITEM E.1, CONTINUED,

## E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Supervisor of the Year

Board President Eugene Thach announced that Supervisor Jessie Medlin was chosen by the Mississippi Association of Supervisors to be Supervisor of the Year. Supervisor Thach said he accepted the award in Supervisor Medlin's absence and asked Vanessa Lynchard to read her letter of nomination, which was read by Lieutenant Governor Amy Tuck at the MAS convention. Supervisor Thach presented the award to Supervisor Medlin and congratulated him on being the first Supervisor of the Year. Supervisor Medlin thanked his wife, Janet, his brother, Floyd Medlin, the DeSoto County employees, and the constituents for their support and thanked them for making his work easier. Supervisor John Caldwell congratulated Supervisor Medlin and commended his wife, Janet, for supporting his work. Supervisor Tommy Lewis also congratulated Supervisor Medlin and said that it is an honor to have a representative of DeSoto County chosen for the award.

#### F. NEW BUSINESS

## 1. Parker Pickle - Approval of 2000 Tax Rolls

The DeSoto County Tax Assessor, Parker Pickle, appeared before the Board of Supervisors to present the Tax Rolls for 2000 to the Board of Supervisors in the amount of \$ 712,065,785.00 as the total assessed value. Mr. Pickle said that this is a 10.6% increase over last year. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked what percentage of that figure will be taxed. Mr. Pickle said the Tax Collector's Office may be able to provide that figure for the Board.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if the market value for homes in DeSoto County is higher than other counties. Mr. Pickle said that the market value is as high or higher than most counties in the State. Mr. Pickle further stated that DeSoto County has the twelfth lowest millage rate in the State.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to accept the final rolls as presented by the Tax Assessor, Parker Pickle in the amount of \$712,065,785.00 as the total assessed value, and that the said assessment rolls, and the assessments therein contained, be and they are hereby accepted, approved and made final, and that the final recapitulation of said assessment rolls be certified to the State Tax Commission, on blanks furnished by it, within ten days after the adjournment of this meeting as provided by Section 9799, Mississippi Code of 1942, and as required by law." The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. \*\*See Exhibit F.1\*\*

## 2. Joyce Riales, Comptroller

## a. Budget Amendment

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1999, and ending September 30, 2000. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve budget amendments under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

	Building Impartment Increase	rovements 001-701-521	Legal Advertising	\$3,500.00
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	Decrease	001-701-554		\$3,500.00
	County Court	- <u>-</u>		
-	_Increase	001-162-933	Office Equipment	\$ 500.00
	Decrease	001-162-934	Office Furniture	\$ 250.00
	Decrease	001-162-575	Jurors & Witness Fee	\$ 250.00

Accounting			
Increase	001-121-475	Travel Out of County	\$ 173.00
Decrease	001-121-476	Meals & Lodging	\$ 145.00
Decrease	001-121-936	Computer Equipment	\$ 28.00
Courthouse 1	Renovation		
Increase	211-800-800	Bond Principal	\$105,000.00
Decrease	211-800-801	Bond Interest	\$ 99,308.00
Increase	211-800-330	Interest Income	\$ 5,692.00

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. \*\*See Exhibit F.2.a.(1).(2).(3).(4)\*\*

#### **b.** Claims Docket

Comptroller Joyce Riales of the Accounting Department presented the list of claims to be paid to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

## (1) Seiler Building Corporation - Courthouse Renovation

Verified bills in connection with Seiler Building Corporation for the Courthouse Renovation were presented by copy to each Supervisor. \*\*See Exhibit F.2.b.(1)\*\*

## (2) Allen & Hoshall - Courthouse Renovation

Verified Bills in connection with Allen & Hoshall for the Courthouse Renovation were presented by copy to each Supervisor. \*\*See Exhibit F.2.b.(2)\*\*

## (3) Civic Center

Verified bills in connection with the Civic Center were presented by copy to each Supervisor. \*\*See Exhibit F.2.b.(3)\*\*

In accordance with Section 19-13-31 of the Mississippi Code, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the claims docket for claim #6694 - #7134 and authorized the clerk to write the checks. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. \*\*See Exhibit F.2.b.(1).(2).(3)\*\*

## c. Late Bill

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve a late bill to Kristen Leslie of the Tax Assessor's Office for travel reimbursement in the amount of \$127.40 and authorized the Clerk to write the check. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. \*\*See Exhibit F.2.c\*\*

#### ITEM F.2.d, CONTINUED,

#### d. Investment of Surplus Funds

At the recommendation of Comptroller Joyce Riales, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the investment of surplus funds to Trustmark Bank, who was the high bidder that placed their bid as follows:

<b>DATE OF</b>				
INVESTMENT	<b>BANK</b>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	RATE	<b>DAYS</b>
7/31/00	Trustmark Bank	\$ 4,500,000.00	6.460	60

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. \*\*See Exhibit F.2.d\*\*

#### e. Interfund Transfer

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1999, and ending September 30, 2000. At the recommendation of Comptroller Joyce Riales, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve a budget amendment for Metro Narcotics under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Transfer From	105-227-950	Forfeitures/Metro Narcotics	\$14,375.50
Transfer To	115-000-384	Metro Narcotics/Grant	\$14,375.50

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. \*\*See Exhibit F.2.e\*\*

## 3. Tax Exemption - Trees & Trends

David Bailey representing Trees & Trends appeared before the Board of Supervisors with an application for a tax exemption. Having heard these requests, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve a ten (10) year tax exemption on personal property and a Freeport Warehouse Exemption for Trees & Trends in the amount of \$913,395.00 as recommended by the Tax Advisory Committee. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. \*\*See Exhibit F.3\*\*

## 4. Kenny Gunn - Road Report and Work Schedule

Kenny Gunn presented the Road Report and Work Schedule to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to accept the Road Report for July 2000 and the Work Schedule for August 2000, pursuant to Section 65-17-7 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. \*\*See Exhibit F.4\*\*

#### 5. Road Bond Report

Road Manager Kenny Gunn presented the Road Bond Report to the Board of Supervisors for review. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if a response has been received from Cypress Creek Phase I regarding the final road bond. Mr. Gunn said that he has not received notification from the post office that the Certified letter was or was not received. Supervisor Medlin asked if it will go from a final bond to a maintenance bond. Mr. Gunn said that it will as soon as he hears ITEM F.5, CONTINUED,

from the developer.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if Mr. Gunn recommends calling any of the bonds. Mr. Gunn said no bonds need to be called but he does have three subdivisions that he recommends the County accepting and maintaining the roads. At the recommendation of Road Manager Kenny Gunn, Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to take in Timber Oaks Subdivision, Liberty Estates Subdivision, and Country Home Estates Subdivision, release the maintenance bonds, begin County maintenance of the roads, and add the roads of the subdivision to the County Road Map and Road Register. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. \*\*See Exhibit F.5\*\*

Board Attorney Bill Austin asked if the roads in these subdivisions are on the County Road Map and County Register. Mr. Gunn said the roads should have been added to the Road Map

when the subdivisions were approved but that he will verify that they are.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said it is not fair for the developer to be responsible for road bonds when a landowner stops up the drainage.

#### 6. Bailiff Pay

Pursuant to Section 25-7-27, Section 1, paragraph (e) which allows for Constables working as Bailiffs to be paid as provided under Section 25-3-69, of Mississippi Code of 1973, Annotated, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to pay Floyd Medlin the amount of \$ 200.00 for the month of July, 2000 and to pay Joe Holmes the amount of \$ 120.00 for the month of July, 2000. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. \*\*See Exhibit F.6\*\*

## 7. Justice Court Report

Linda Aldridge presented the Justice Court Report for the month of July to the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to accept and approve the Justice Court Report for the month of July 2000. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. \*\*See Exhibit F.7\*\*

## 8. Publication of Board Proceedings

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the publication of Board Proceedings in connection with Section 19-3-33 of the Mississippi Code which states that the Board of Supervisors may have its proceedings published in some newspaper in the county, and cause the same to be paid for out of the county treasury. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

#### 9. Approval of Travel

In accordance with Section 25-3-41 Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, any official or employee of DeSoto County, Mississippi, is hereby authorized to travel during the period of August 7, 2000 through September 5, 2000, as necessary and incur travel expenses in the performance of their official duties for DeSoto County. That all such travel is hereby authorized contingent on funds being available in the departmental budget of the individual traveling. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to authorize travel for all officials and employees of DeSoto County for the period of August 7, 2000 through September 5, 2000. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. \*\*See Exhibit F.9\*\*

## ITEM F.10, CONTINUED,

## 10. Sheriff's Employee Report

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to accept the Sheriff's Employee Report for the period of June 26, 2000 through July 31, 2000 into the minutes. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. \*\*See Exhibit F.10\*\*

# 11. Making Fully Executed Memorandum of Understanding with Cogentrix a Part of the Minutes

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to make the fully executed Memorandum of Understanding with Cogentrix for a Fee in Lieu of Tax a part of the minutes. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. \*\*See Exhibit F.11\*\*

#### 12. Authorization to Open Bids on August 18 at 10:00 a.m. for Janitorial Supplies

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize the County Administrator or his representative to open bids for janitorial supplies for DeSoto County offices, including Justice Court, the Courthouse, the Administration Building, the Department of Human Services, and the DeSoto County Jail on August 18, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. \*\*See Exhibit F.12\*\*

# 13. Approval for Board President to Sign Right of Way Agreement with Northcentral Electric Power Association for Relocation of Power Lines at Rubbish Pit

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize the Board President to sign the agreement giving a permanent easement at the rubbish pit to Northcentral Electric Power Association for the relocation of power lines. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. \*\*See Exhibit F.13\*\*

## 14. Approval of Contract

### a. Recycling Program

Jim Bearden, Director of Operations and Maintenance, informed the Board of Supervisors that he had received proposals for recycling from BFI and FCR, Inc. Mr. Bearden said that the BFI proposal was for one container at a cost of \$100.00 each time the container was hauled plus \$30.00 per ton for processing. Mr. Bearden said that the proposal from FCR, Inc. is for a minimum of three years at no cost to the County with a total of five recycling bins to be placed at four locations throughout the County with the fifth bin being a swap out bin. Mr. Bearden said a certain amount of tonnage is expected from the program or it will be disbanded.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked where the recycling bins will be located. Mr. Bearden said the four locations will be Central Maintenance, the Horn Lake Library, either the Extension Office or old Board of Education Building in Hernando, and the Justice Court. Supervisor Gerald Clifton requested that another bin be placed at Walls Fire Department or at a Highway 301 location in Walls. Mr. Bearden said that initially there will only be four sites and depending on the success of the bins, additional sites may be added.

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to carry this item over until August 9, 2000 to allow negotiations for a final contract for a recycling program with FCR, Inc. to be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

#### ITEM F.14.a, CONTINUED,

Supervisor Jessie Medlin------YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach------YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton------YES
Supervisor John Caldwell------YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis------ABSENT

#### **b.** Alco Services - Metro Narcotics

At the recommendation of Commander Tim Harris of Metro Narcotics, Supervisor Gerald Clifton made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve a contract with Alco Services for monitoring of the alarm system at Metro Narcotics in the amount of \$336.00 per month for the period of October 1, 2000 through September 30, 2001. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----YES

<sup>\*\*</sup>See Exhibit F.14.a\*\*

Supervisor Eugene Thach------YES Supervisor Gerald Clifton------YES Supervisor John Caldwell------YES Supervisor Tommy Lewis------ABSENT

\*\*See Exhibit F.14.b\*\*

#### 15. Budget FY01

In accordance with Section 19-11-7 of the Mississippi Code, County Administrator David Armstrong presented a preliminary budget to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Armstrong said the preliminary budget is balanced at this time and that there is no proposed increase in millage in the preliminary budget. Mr. Armstrong further stated that no funds were taken out of the cash reserve for the preliminary budget. Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to take the preliminary budget for FY01 under advisement. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. \*\*See Exhibit F.15\*\*

## 16. Approval for Board of Supervisors to Travel - \$18 Million Bonds

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve travel for the Board of Supervisors, Board Attorney, and the County Administrator for the bond rating trip to New York on August 19 through August 21, 2000. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. \*\*See Exhibit F.16\*\*

# 17. Making Response from MDOT Regarding Signs on State Highways a Part of the Minutes

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to make the response from MDOT allowing the County to place markers on existing signs or poles on State Highways a part of the minutes. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. \*\*See Exhibit F.17\*\*

#### 18. Chris Heuer - Request to Fly Model Planes on the Landfill

Supervisor John Caldwell advised the Board of Supervisors that Chris Heuer has requested permission to fly model planes on the County Landfill on Starlanding Road. Supervisor **ITEM F.18, CONTINUED,** 

Caldwell said that Mr. Heuer is supposed to bring an agreement to be approved by the Board. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if Mr. Heuer has liability insurance. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he does have liability insurance and will provide proof of insurance to the Board. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to take this item under advisement to allow the Board Attorney to review the agreement from Chris Heuer to fly model planes on the landfill. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

## G. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The "Executive Session" portion of this meeting is presented under the portion of minutes called "Executive Session.

# H. OTHER ISSUES

# 1. Intersection of Starlanding Road and Highway 301

Road Manager Kenny Gunn advised the Board of Supervisors that he received a response from MDOT regarding the Intersection of Starlanding Road and Highway 301 stating that MDOT will be unable to perform work at the intersection this year due to a lack of funds. Mr. Gunn

said that MDOT will do the engineering on the project if the County wants to do the work and then possibly be reimbursed by MDOT when funds become available. Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to carry this item over to allow the Board Attorney to review the agreement with MDOT. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-------YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach-------YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton-------YES
Supervisor John Caldwell------YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis------ABSENT

#### 2. Civic Center Road

Road Manager Kenny Gunn provided a cost summary sheet for the Civic Center Road for the Board of Supervisors to review. Mr. Gunn said that the road grade had to be raised, which caused a significant increase in the cost of the project. \*\*See Exhibit H.2\*\*

## 3. Homestead Exemptions

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the petition to adjust homestead exemption supplemental roll as presented by the Chancery Clerk. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. \*\*See Exhibit H.3\*\*

#### 4. Courthouse Renovation

Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis requested approval of a change order for the Courthouse renovation to run a water pipe down to the first floor on the east side of the building so that a sink can be added in the break room in the Chancery Clerk's office. Mr. Davis said he spoke to Frank Edwards of Seiler Construction and Mr. Edwards said the change order would be for the pipe would cost between \$600.00 and \$800.00. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve a change order to add a pipe on the

#### ITEM H.4, CONTINUED,

east side of the Courthouse to run water from the second floor to the first floor for a sink in the break room in the Chancery Clerk's office at a cost between \$600.00 and \$800.00. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

## 5. Reassessment Update

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked about the status of the reassessment update. Tax Assessor Parker Pickle said that in September they will be ready to do the fieldwork and that the reassessment will be completed by July 1, 2003 and will be on the land rolls for 2004.

## 6. School Bus Parking

Road Manager Kenny Gunn informed the Board of Supervisors that school bus parking was addressed at the MAS convention by the State Audit Department. Mr. Gunn said the auditor advised them that County funds cannot be used to provide parking places at the homes of bus drivers for school buses but they can be used for school bus turnarounds.

#### 7. Fence at Red Banks and Whitt Road

<sup>\*\*</sup>See Exhibit H.1\*\*

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that the fence located at Red Banks and Whitt Road curves at the top and blocks the view. Supervisor Medlin said if the corner is cut out of the fence, it will no longer be a safety hazard and that the property owner is willing to grant an easement for the County to do the work. Board Attorney Bill Austin said as requested, he checked to see if a building permit was granted to build the fence and found that a permit was not needed because the location is zoned as agricultural. Mr. Austin suggested that the County proceed with obtaining the easement from the property owner so that the fence can be moved. Having determined the fence located at Red Banks and Whitt Road to be a safety hazard, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to instruct the Road Manager to proceed with removing the corner from the fence located at Red Banks and Whitt Road as soon as the easement is signed by the property owner. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. \*\*See Exhibit H.7\*\*

## 8. Roads - Centerhill Road North and South

Supervisor Jessie Medlin requested a traffic count on Centerhill Road, north and south.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to recess until August 9, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

THIS the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2000, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Eugene C. Thach, President DeSoto County Board of Supervisors